

"Laura and the Big Party"

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There was a big woods in the middle of Minnesota. Mary and Laura Ingalls just got home from school. While Mary helped Ma put away the dishes, Laura did her homework. Ma said, "Oh, Laura and Mary, I saw Susanna's mom today. She said that both of you are invited to Susanna's birthday party." Laura was so excited about the party she could hardly sleep!

Laura asked Mary if she was excited for the birthday party. "Of course, I'm excited. Why, are you not?" Mary asked.

"Well, I guess so. I'm nervous that Nellie Oleson is going," answered Laura.

"Ya, you definitely don't want Nellie there." Mary stated.

With that, the girls blew out the lantern and went to bed.

The next day, when the girls got to school, there was a huge group of girls circling around Susanna. "Let's go find out what everyone is talking about," said Mary.

"Susanna, I am definitely not coming to your party. It's a country party. And besides, you guys are so poor there's probably not going to be a cake." Nellie told Susanna.

All the girls laughed except for Laura and Mary. After school was done, Mary and Laura started to walk home. Nellie ran up to them. "Laura, Mary, are you going to Susanna's silly country party?" asked Nellie.

"Yes, Nellie and her party is not silly," replied Mary.

"Make sure you wear the prettiest dress you have. Oh wait, all you have are ugly rags," Nellie said sarcastically.

As she walked away, Mary calmed Laura.

"Ma, we're home," yelled the girls.

"Laura, I think you should go pick some flowers for Susanna. Mary, go help her, please," said Ma.

Laura told Mary, "I don't know if I want to go anymore. What if Nellie right? What if we don't have a good present? What if our clothes are rags?"

Mary said, "You have to stop listening to Nellie! Here are some roses and daisies. Let's pick some before the sun goes down."

"Girls, time for supper!" yelled Ma. So, the girls washed up and sat down for supper.

"What a fine meal," said Pa.

Berries with sugar on top for dessert. Yummy! After supper, the girls went upstairs to get ready for bed.

"Mary, maybe you're right. Maybe Susanna doesn't really care," Laura said softly. The girls told each other goodnight.

The next morning the girls woke up, got dressed and headed out the door.

"Susanna, what times does the party begin today?" asked Mary.

"After school, 3 or 4." Susanna answered.

Ding, ding, ding. "Oh no, we better get going. We don't want to be late for school," Laura said.

While they were in school, Nellie passed a note to Laura. It read:

Dear Laura, Susanna doesn't like you. She just wanted a lot of people that are richer than her to go to her party. Signed Nellie.

"Laura, what is 6 x 8? Laura, Laura. Is that a note?" Miss Beadle asked curiously.

"Yes, Ma'am." Laura answered.

"I do not want to see any more notes from any of you." Miss Beadle said.

After school, Nellie had to stay and write "I will not pass notes" one hundred times on the blackboard. She was late for Susanna's party.

"Susanna, come walk with us," said Laura.

"Can you keep a secret? To tell you the truth, I don't want Nellie to come to my party. My Ma told me to include Nellie," confided Susanna.

Nellie came running up to the girls after she completing her school punishment. "Hi girls, come in. We're just waiting for the rest of the guests to arrive. Susanna, Mary, Laura and Nellie, how about you start the games we have planned," said Susanna's Mom.

Susanna said giggling, "Let's play pie face."

"What's that?" Nellie asked sarcastically.

Laura explained, "Nellie you're going to love it! Here, I'll show you," said Laura. Ready, set, splat! "Now, do you know how to play?" asked Laura.

Nellie screamed, "My dress! My beautiful, lace dress!"

Laura responded, "Now, you know what we do at country parties."

The party guests each took a pie and threw them at each other. Mary and Laura laughed and giggled the whole way home.

The End